GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR SILK WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes being run by the Government for the training of silk weavers and traditional artisans;

(b) whether this art has become almost extinct due to not providing necessary basic facilities and training through modern procedure;

(c) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to open a training center in the country particularly in Kadirganj in Nawada district of Bihar for helping the local traditional silk weavers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount allotted therefore; location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Office of the Development Commissioner, Handlooms through 24 Weavers Service Centres provides financial assistance for the training of handloom weavers, including silk weavers. The financial assistance is available under the Decentralised Training of Weavers Scheme and Deendayal Hathkargha Prothsahan Yojna.

The Central Silk Board also implements programmes for training of weavers. It has made provision to impart training to weavers in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal under the UNDP Sub-programme on Non-Mulberry Silk with a view to improve weaving capabilities of the weavers by up-gradation of looms, design improvement and product diversification. It is conducting a capsule training programme twice a year on silk twisting and weaving at its Central Technological Research Institute for private entrepreneurs and officers/officials of State Sericulture Departments.

In addition, carpet weavers including silk carpet weavers, are imparted training for upgradation of skill by Office of the Development Commissioner through such schemes as Department Training Scheme and training through other Organizations /Corporations.

(b) No Sir,

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No Sir,

(e) Does not arise.